



Aberfoyle Agricultural Society - Update

By Joanne Holt

Committing to our usual fair was a little more difficult this year, so we have as a committee decided to scale down and present an educational event on September 11, 11am-5pm

It will still be fun, with lots of surprises for all that attend. There will not be a charge but if you wish to make a donation we will be glad to accept the help.



This is a family outing day and with the cooperation of the weather it will be a lovely afternoon on the grounds. We will have agricultural displays of animals and information, as well as grains, flowers and other exciting things.

There will be a junior pony show; come and watch the juniors learn. Then we have an ATV pull happening. The Bubbles are back just for a bit of childhood fun.

We have a special surprise for the first 250 cars that come to our event. You won't be disappointed as the package is better than the Oscars!



Make a fun family day, and come on out to the Puslinch community grounds and enjoy an afternoon with your agricultural society.

Did you take part in our summer competitions? There is still time. We had an Agricultural Adventure hunt, photography contest, and a kids colouring contest.

All can be viewed online and there is still time to enter.

If you can't make it on the 11th of September, maybe Sunday the 19th September would be a better choice as we are doing another drive-through chicken barbecue.



This has been such a great success in the past, and we are repeating the performance at Duffs Church, with our great barbecue chicken, which we deliver right to your car.

The cost is still \$20 and the menu is the same as before - half a chicken barbecued on site, two salads, a roll and dessert.

The cost of the dinner is \$20. If you wish to purchase tickets contact a member of the Agricultural Society or you can phone 519-823-2687.

We have pick up times between 4 and 6 PM and that is on September 19, a Sunday, at Duff's Church, Hwy 46 at the 401.

So don't forget about us. We're alive and kicking and doing what we can to keep agriculture in your thoughts.

It's more important these days to know where your food sources are and learn as much as you can about them. Stay healthy and come on out and enjoy events with the Aberfoyle Agricultural Society.

<https://sites.google.com/view/aberfoyleagriculturalsociety/home>

Editorial

This is a bumper issue of the *Pioneer* as we bring you information on the candidates who are running for the Wellington-Halton Riding.

Despite the September 20 election, life is carrying on in Puslinch, with the event being hosted by the Aberfoyle Agricultural Society and the drive-through chicken dinner.

We also have some interesting articles – like the one from Kelly Daynard of Food and Farm Care.

With four obituaries in the paper this month, you may want to read Debbie's Stanley's article on how we can give away too much information when we write the obits for those we love. A cautionary tale.

While we may want to believe that human trafficking happens in big cities, sadly it is a problem locally with our proximity to the 401. Local Rotary Clubs have therefore come together to host an information series on human trafficking.

And we hear from the Mayor about how well the Council is working together and the gains they are making in the aggregate tax situation.

Please note that we have new email addresses for the *Pioneer* volunteers.

Make sure you get out to vote on September 20.

Anne Day

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SUBMITTING ARTICLES Items of interest to Puslinch residents are welcome. Letters to the Editor must include a telephone number.

We ask that articles be submitted by email and adhere to the Writers Guidelines which can be downloaded from www.puslinchpioneer.ca

Unless otherwise stated, the deadline for submission is the 2nd Friday of the month. Next deadline is **Friday, September 10, 2021.**

Because of the increased interest we cannot guarantee inclusion, especially those received after deadline.

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Council Clips

Secondary School:

City of Guelph is reviewing revised materials to permit the development of a secondary school on the northwest corner of Arkell and Victoria Roads.

Wayne Stokely Trail:

The John Gilmour family has requested signage be erected to honour the historical contributions of the Black and Ord families to Puslinch history on the Wayne Stokely Trail in Aberfoyle.

2022 Municipal Election:

Council approves the alternative voting method of Vote by Mail.

Drinking Fountain – ORC:

Council sincerely accepts a donation for the installation of a drinking fountain at the ORC and approves the installation.

Triton Water Canada (formerly Nestle):

Applying to renew existing Permit to Take Water for ten years.

WR46 between Maltby Road and WR34:

Study opportunities to urbanize corridor through Aberfoyle to Maltby with bike lanes and sidewalks on both sides and road widening from two to four lanes.

Annual Accessibility Status Report:

Details the annual update for 2017-2021 on the progress of measures taken to improve accessibility in Township, tracks the progress and makes the public aware.

Lines Fences Act:

Council passes a by-law for the non-application of the Line Fences Act temporarily for 120 days to allow boundary fence disputes to be resolved civilly between two affected landowners.

School Crossing Guard:

Now hiring to serve the Aberfoyle neighbourhood for the start of school in September with one crossing guard (and one backup) for the Brock Road crossing.

Highway 6 Expansion:

Ontario government has issued a Request for Proposal to design and build the Hwy 6/Hanlon midblock interchange with construction expected to begin later in 2022.

Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan:

City of Guelph seeking comments for

the Clair-Maltby Secondary Plan located along Guelph's most southern boundary.

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program:

Council passes by-law authorizing the entering into a Transfer Payment Agreement for two projects PCC park renovation and upgrade, and replacement of lights and upgrading of washrooms at Old Morrision Park.

2022 Proposed User Fees and Charges:

Council directs staff to proceed with holding a public meeting on September 22, 2021 at 7 pm to obtain public input on the proposed user fees and charges by-law.

PCC Kitchen Renovation:

Tender advertisement has been posted for completion of proposed works.

High-Speed Internet Funding:

The announced \$616,345 will directly benefit approximately 370 homes in Puslinch with improved broadband access.

Community engagement survey

The Township is excited to launch a community engagement survey on EngagePuslinch.ca to gain citizen feedback on the Township's 2022 Proposed User Fees and Charges.

The Township depends on revenue from property taxes and user fees and charges to provide quality Township services and programs.

Many of the Township's services are funded by property taxes, however in some cases the Township charges a direct user fee to the individual/organization benefitting from the service.

Examples of some of the services funded in part or whole by user fees include:

- Use of Recreational Facilities,
- Building Permits,
- Planning and Development Applications,
- Dog and Kennel Licensing,
- Lottery Licensing, and
- Open Air Burn Permits.

The Township values citizen feedback and wants to encourage the public to share their thoughts on important annual projects such as reviewing Township User Fees and Charges.

"I encourage Puslinch residents to join the local conversation regarding the

Township's user fees and charges.

The comments and suggestions the Township receives through Engage Puslinch are important for Council to consider when setting Township user fees and charges for the upcoming year." Mayor James Seeley.

The survey will be active on the Township's community engagement platform, EngagePuslinch.ca, from August 12 to October 4, 2021.

A Public Information Meeting will also take place on September 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to receive public comments regarding the Township's proposed 2022 User Fees and Charges.



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Council Meetings (519) 763-1226
Regular meeting September 1 at 10am
Capital Budget meeting September 15 at 10am
Regular meeting September 22 at 10am
User fees and charges public info meeting September 22 at 7pm
Please check the Council Calendar at www.puslinch.ca as meetings may be subject to change.

Library Hours (519) 763-8026
For current hours and services, please call Puslinch Branch at 519.763.8026 or visit us online at www.wellington.ca/Library.

Optimist Recreation Centre Hours
All Municipal indoor facilities including the Optimist Recreation Centre Gymnasium remain closed due to the current Provincial directives. The Township has reopened their outdoor facilities for private rentals (Baseball Diamonds, Optimist Recreation Centre Rink, Soccer Fields and Picnic Pavilion), as per the current Provincial directives. For further facility updates and media releases, please visit the Township's COVID-19 page on their website <https://puslinch.ca/government/covid-19-information-and-updates/>

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Message from the Mayor



photo from Puslinch Website

Hello Everyone,

I hope this update finds you well and enjoying our summer. It has been quite the experience this last year and a half. COVID-19 has been a learning curve for everyone.

It has been my absolute pleasure and joy to be working with such a great team of people.

Councillors Goyda, Bulmer, Sepulis

and Bailey all bring different strengths to the table and this has provided an atmosphere at Council where we see items and discuss them through different lens.

We may not agree all of the time however 95 percent of the time we come to a consensus on decisions.

I have continued to have meetings throughout the summer with TAPMO (Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities), with MPPs across Ontario.

This initiative is to promote to the Government that aggregate operations should pay their fair share of taxes so that the residential taxpayer is not subsidizing their operations.

It is our hope that these meetings will conclude with a meeting with the Premier of Ontario or his senior level staff/advisors.

The MPPs we met with were initially surprised at the tax inequalities the aggregate industry pays.

As we held more meetings, it

became clear that we have stirred up conversation within Government and the issue was being more understood.

We will keep up the pressure to fix the assessed value of aggregate operations.

On a final note, with support from all of Council, Puslinch staff applied for grants under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for improvements at the Puslinch Community Centre and we received \$1.66 million in Federal and Provincial funds.

I would like to thank Catherine McKenna, the Minister of Infrastructure; Kinga Suram, Minister of Infrastructure of Ontario; Laurie Scott, MP, former Minister of Infrastructure Ontario; Michael Chong MP and MPP Ted Arnott for their support for these important projects.

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Muriel Jean (nee Musgrove) Mast



Of Puslinch, passed away peacefully at Morryston Park Nursing Home on Thursday, July 15, 2021, in her 91st year.

Beloved wife of the late John William Mast (2004). Loved mother of Ken (Trudy) and Rick (Deborah). Cherished grandmother of Josh Mast (Jayme), Yvonne Mast-Singleton (Dave), Gord Mast (Tiffany) and Jordan Mast (Erica). Proud Great Grandma of Emma and Alexis Singleton, Jackson Mast and Blake Mast. Muriel is survived by her sisters Florence Strachan (the late Harold), Alberta Hennan (Shane) and Patricia Beech (the late Wilfred). Dear sister-in-law to Lois Mast (the late Doug).

Predeceased by her sister Ellen Rosenburger (Frank), and siblings-in-law Jim Mast (Doreen) and Stan Mast (Beatrice). Survived by many wonderful nieces and nephews.

Muriel was hard-working, always willing to lend a hand to anyone in need. More than anything, she cherished the love of family. All those hugs and little giggles made her day. Everyone seemed to know when fresh buns were out of the oven – you were welcomed in to share conversation and buns. Mom was always up for a ball game, from watching her boys play to watching her grandchildren's games. I can't imagine the amount of score-books she used. Oh, and she loved her card games, they had quite a group for many years.

Muriel was a long-time member and elder at Knox Church, Crieff. She loved singing in the choir and helping at all the functions.

Muriel was full of life, always a warm smile and a hug that made you feel at home. She lived her life with grace, kindness and love.

Heartfelt thank you to the staff at Morryston Park Nursing Home for your loving care.

A private graveside service will be held at Crieff Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to the WALL-CUSTANCE FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 519-822-0051 / www.wallcustance.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Knox Church Crieff or Morryston Park Nursing Home would be appreciated.

A tree will be planted in memory of Muriel J. Mast in the Wall-Custance Memorial Forest.

Cyril Kukovica



Passed away on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at age 66 years, after a 2 month struggle with cancer.

Much loved father of Elizabeth (Matthew) and Matthew (Valorie) and grandfather of Finn. Dear brother of Marianne Warner, Dr. Maria Kukovica (Ted Ferrant), Tom, Luke (Gay), Peter (Janice), Liza Stephens (James), and Ann Edwards. Will be missed by extended family and friends.

Resting at Gilbert MacIntyre & Son Funeral Home, Hart Chapel, 1099 Gordon St, Guelph. 519-821-5077/ www.gilbertmacintyreandson.com

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Please note the meeting is video and audio recorded and all electronic meetings are uploaded to the municipality's YouTube page. By requesting to participate in the meeting by electronic means, you are consenting to have your likeness and comments recorded and posted on YouTube.

NEW! Provide your comments on engagepuslinch.ca. A public survey for the proposed 2022 user fees will be available from August 12 to October 4.

To obtain a copy of the proposed 2022 User Fees and Charges By-law, please visit www.puslinch.ca or contact the Township at (519)-763-1226 ext. 222.

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In Memoriam

Anita Nichol (nee Smith)



Of Puslinch, passed away on Thursday, July 22, 2021 in her 81st year, at home, surrounded by family.

Beloved wife of the late Ivan Nichol (2006), loving mother to Robert (Shelly), Heather Foley, Ian and Amy Baker (Steven). Adored grandmother of Angus, Samantha and Max.

Anita was predeceased by her parents, Edgar and Hazel Smith (Allan) of Campbellville/Milton, her brother Jim and sister Elaine. She is survived by her sisters Carol Johnson (Gary) of Nova Scotia and Jane Baynton (Charles) of Rockwood, ON, nieces and nephews. She will be missed by many, including her friends and family at the Morrison United Church and her book club.

Anita was a dear friend and mother to many. She was small but mighty, and her door was always open to anyone who wanted, or needed, a visit or a place to rest.

She was active in her church community and was quick to volunteer. She helped so many of us in so many ways. She will be missed by all who knew her.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to the staff, the doctors, and the nurses of Juravinski Cancer Center in Hamilton, for their kindness and compassion through this difficult time. Thank you for all you do... you are appreciated.

COVID-19 protocols remain in place. Cremation has taken place. Public visitation was held at the WALL-CUSTANCE FUNERAL HOME (519-822-0051 / wallcustance.com), 206 Norfolk St., Guelph on Friday, August 6, 2021 from 7-9 pm.

A private service was held on Saturday, August 7, 2021 at 1:30 with burial at Crown Cemetery.

Memorial contributions to the Juravinski Hospital would be appreciated.

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In Memoriam

Malcolm LeRoy Monteith



October 6, 1939 – July 27, 2021

Peacefully, in his sleep at Hospice Wellington in Guelph on Tuesday July 27, 2021. Malcolm, formerly of Arva, in his 82nd year.

Pre-deceased by his parents Melbourne and Karen Monteith and his eldest daughter Jennifer (Andy) Bard pictured here with Malcolm. Survived by his spouse Libby Acton of Arva, and former spouse Donna (Pardy) of Guelph. Beloved brother Lloyd (Catharine) of Granton. Loving father to Jocelyn Monteith of Moffat, Amanda

(George) Crawford of Guelph, Amy Monteith (Andrew Kramer) of Guelph, step-father of Caroline Acton of Toronto, Jenny Acton (John Shiga) of Toronto. Robert Acton (Tosh Thomas) of Sydney. Doting papa to Kati, Alex, Brendan, Jessica, Erika, Callie, Evie and Elise.

In addition, Malcolm and Donna fostered thirteen children over a decade and a half. Born and raised on a beef farm in West Nissouri township, Malcolm became very involved in music at a very early age.

He went on to become an organist at several local churches as well as playing piano in a professional dance band (the Keynotes) in the 50's and 60's.

Malcolm graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 1962 and Althouse Teachers College in 1963. He started his career as a teacher with The Thames Valley District School Board in London, Ontario. He retired as Vice Principal with the Waterloo County Board.

In the early 1970's he was a pioneer in bringing computer education to students and staff alike.

Throughout his working years, he also continued to share his love of music; as organist and choirmaster at Trinity United Church in Preston, and in the school system where he

led choirs that successfully competed and performed throughout Ontario and Quebec.

Following in his father's footsteps, Malcolm became very involved in the Ontario Tug of War Association and was eventually inducted into the Ontario Tug of War Hall of Fame.

In retirement, Malcolm travelled extensively. Returning time and time again to his beloved friends in Cuba. Over the years, Malcolm developed a deep love for the Cuban people and maintained close relationships with several Cuban families.

Malcolm's love of people, conversing, learning their stories, meant that it was a very rare occasion that he ever left a gathering without gaining a new friend.

An interment ceremony took place at Vining Cemetery August 6th, 2021. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Hospice Wellington in Guelph or St. George's Anglican Church in Thorndale.

Our heart felt thanks goes out to all the medical professionals and hospice personnel that provided stellar care over the past month.




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Escape plans

By Peter Van Oordt

Although the official New Year is January 1st, my mother used to say that to her the beginning of September represented a more natural beginning to a new year.

Vacation season ends, people tend to get back to business, and a new school year begins. As we get back to our more normal routines this September, it's an ideal time to consider and discuss our home fire escape plans with our family or housemates.

The best time to think about how you would escape your home in the event of a fire is long before there's ever such an emergency. Under normal circumstances, leaving the house is generally not a difficult task for most people.

An emergency, however, is not a normal circumstance and exiting your house could be considerably more difficult when smoke reduces your visibility.

Because fire and smoke can develop and move quickly, it is important that you have a plan that enables you to get out of your house as quickly as possible. In a fire, every second counts.

To create your home fire escape plan, start by drawing a floor plan of your home that includes all possible emergency exits. Ideally, each room should have at least two ways out.

Consider who in your household would need assistance exiting the house in

an emergency, such as young children or adults with limited mobility, and decide in advance who will assist them.

Designate a place that's a safe distance from the home for everyone to meet. Having everyone meet in one place makes it easier to ensure that everyone is accounted for and that nobody re-enters the house until the fire department deems it safe to do so.

Having working smoke alarms installed on every storey and outside every sleeping area is not only required by law but will also help your home fire escape in that they will generally provide you with earlier warning of a fire.

After you've created your home fire escape plan, it is important that you discuss it and practice it with everyone in your home.

Having a home escape plan that's reviewed and practiced at least twice a year can go a long way in helping your family escape a fire in your home.

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Despite higher than normal precipitation across much of the Grand River watershed in June and July, groundwater and river base flow levels are still low due to the extremely dry spring.

As a result, water users throughout the watershed are asked to continue to reduce their consumption by 10 per cent until conditions improve.

An unusually dry year has contributed to reduced stream flows in a number of tributaries throughout the watershed, and the Grand River Conservation Authority continues to use large upstream reservoirs to augment river flows in order to maintain low flow targets on the Grand and Speed Rivers.

The reminder to stay vigilant with water use reductions came from the Grand River Low Water Response Team, which held a virtual meeting

late last week. The team is made up of representatives of major water users including municipalities, farmers, golf course operators, water bottlers, aggregate businesses and others.

The Low Water Response Team decided to keep the entire watershed at Level 1 under the Ontario Low Water Response Program until pressure on the system eases this fall.

Level 1 results in a request for a voluntary 10 percent reduction in water consumption by all water users, including municipalities, aggregate operations, golf courses, water bottlers, farms for irrigation and private users.

For residents, the most effective thing they can do right now is to follow their municipal outdoor water use bylaws, which limit watering to specific days and times.

The GRCA's large reservoirs are within their normal operating range for this time of year, but increased discharges to maintain flow targets, coupled with high evaporation and low inflows

means water levels will continue to drop.

The GRCA is operating these reservoirs carefully to meet flow targets downstream, while maintaining storage in order to help augment flows throughout the summer.

During the dry summer months, more than 80 percent of the flow in the Grand River comes from upstream reservoirs.

This augmentation helps municipalities that get some, or all of their drinking water from the Grand River including Waterloo Region, Brantford and Six Nations. Water from these reservoirs also support the proper operation of about 30 wastewater treatment plants throughout the watershed.

As the augmentation season progresses, the conditions of the reservoirs will be closely monitored and reviewed.

More information on the Low Water Response Program is available on the GRCA website at www.grandriver.ca.



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Election 2021 Candidates

Michael Chong Conservative



Personal

I grew up in Wellington County, where I still live with my wife Carrie and our three boys. I'm 49 years old and a graduate of the University of Toronto, where I studied philosophy.

How are you best suited to be the member for Wellington-Halton Hills?

Prior to my election as MP, I worked in the private sector. I was the Chief Information Officer for the NHL Players' Association and worked for Greater Toronto Airports Authority on the redevelopment of Pearson Airport.

I co-founded Historica Canada, an organization committed to Canadian history, and currently sit on its Board of Governors. Historica produces the Heritage Minutes and Canadian Encyclopedia, which have brought alive our history to millions of Canadians.

What do you and your party think is the most pressing problem facing Canadians today and explain why?

In the last year, I've talked to many, many people in Puslinch. One thing I've heard loud and clear is the need for better high-speed Internet, something that has become essential during the pandemic.

Another equally important concern I've heard about is the increasing cost of living. Things are getting less affordable, particularly housing, and people are finding it more and more difficult to make ends meet.

Many continue to voice their concerns about the rapid growth in the Greater Toronto Area and how they want to ensure the historic and rural character of Puslinch is preserved.

Finally, I continue to hear concerns about climate change and the need to tackle this global challenge.

If re-elected, I'm committed to working on local concerns in Ottawa, together with Puslinch Township Council and MPP Ted Arnott.

Contact information

I can be reached at www.chong.ca or at (800) 837 7075.

Melanie Lang Liberal



Personal

I'm 42 years old and I live in Fergus, with my husband, Paul, and two girls, Hannah and Beth. I'm the Founding Executive Director of the John F. Wood Centre for Business and Student Enterprise at the University of Guelph. I'm also Principal of Melanie Lang Consulting, focusing on educational and strategic management consulting. As a PhD student, I'm researching rural entrepreneurship as a vehicle for community and economic development.

How are you best suited to be the member for Wellington- Halton Hills?

I'm an entrepreneur, community volunteer, and a resident of Fergus for 15 years. The small-town values I brought with me from my hometown in Quebec – service, listening, and working together with others – have driven both my research at the University of Guelph, and my work in the surrounding communities.

I've sat on, or chaired, the boards of groups like the Guelph Chamber of Commerce, 4H Ontario, the Centre Wellington Community Foundation, and was the founding executive director of the John F. Wood Centre for Business and Student Enterprise – all with a view to bringing as many people together to work on the challenges that affect us all, an experience that would guide me as an MP.

What do you and your party think is the most pressing problem facing Canadians today and explain why?

COVID-19 really shone a light on the gaps in our society. Beyond getting as many people vaccinated as possible, we will need longer-term solutions such as accessible and affordable housing, child care, climate change action, broadband internet (which, as the pandemic has shown, is not a luxury), and rural transit to improve mobility and access to jobs.

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Election 2021 Candidates

Ran Zhu Green Party



Personal

Ran Zhu is 27 years old, unmarried man who does not have children. He currently resides in Guelph, Ontario where he (up until the election was called at which time he took leave from his position) was employed as the Constituency Coordinator for Mike Schreiner, MPP for Guelph and leader for the Ontario Provincial Green Party. Ran is an active student currently pursuing his Masters Degree in Energy Policy.

How are you best suited to be the member for Wellington-Halton Hills?

I am best suited to be the member for Wellington-Halton hills because I believe in the real advocacy. I do politics to serve. I am held accountable to my constituents and my actions, and my vote will always reflect that of the people who I represent.

I am committed to always being accessible to the people of my community, to hear their stories directly and to bring their voices to Ottawa.

What do you and your party think is the most pressing problem facing Canadians today?

The climate emergency with its disastrous effects is evident across the world, in Canada and in our community. The time is now to protect our planet at the national and local level. Housing, health care, and transportation are all directly impacted by the state of the environment. The Green Party has the most comprehensive platform and an actual plan for immediate action on the climate crisis - *The Green Climate Action Plan, Mission: Possible*. Vote for me so I can vote for you and take decisive and immediate action on the climate crisis to protect our future.

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Personal

I am 53, married to Lara Pollock and a retired RCMP Officer, business owner. I have lived in this riding for 30 years and currently live in Halton Hills. I have 6 children – 3 boys and 3 girls, ages 25 to 9.

How are you best suited to be the member for Wellington-Halton Hills?

I have a wide array of business and life experiences which will represent Wellington Halton Hills residents best. I have lived in three provinces, lived in urban and rural areas, speak both official languages fluently. I am well acquainted with and I hold solid conservative values and demonstrate practical fiscal responsibility.

What do you and your party think is the most pressing problem facing Canadians today?

The People's Party of Canada was founded on four principles, personal responsibility, fairness, respect, and freedom. The current pandemic is testing all four pillars but most crucially freedom.

This election is not only about an assessment of Justin Trudeau's record on the pandemic, it is also about the future direction for Canada. His government's proposed vaccine passport is unopposed by our current conservative MP. Vaccine passports are a form of mandatory vaccination through coercion and blackmail. They are an attack on the very foundation of Canada; FREEDOM.

While the PPC supported the initial 2-week lockdown measures, we no longer support any COVID-19 lockdowns. Lockdowns have demonstrated their inability to stop the spread, have destroyed businesses, the economy, supply chains and threatened our food supply. We must change course and learn to live with this virus through expanded healthcare capacity and protection of the vulnerable.

Our public finances, are being destroyed by a reckless government, and must be brought back to a healthy responsible state in order to protect the social programs we Canadians cherish.

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New picnic initiative



Residents and visitors to Wellington County are invited to discover picnic spots and food options with the help of a picnic initiative launched by the County of Wellington.

A new online picnic map features parks, conservation areas, and green spaces suitable for a picnic outing. Over 125 different Wellington County locations can be found on the map with a photo and information on available amenities, such as washrooms, picnic tables, gazebos, and more.

In an effort to support local restaurants, the picnic location map has also been added to the online Takeout Food Map which makes it easy to pick up food at local restaurants and enjoy it in an outdoor setting.

To further encourage individuals to order takeout food, a total of 1000 picnic kits have been distributed to various local restaurants in Wellington County.

These surprise kits, containing small picnic-related gifts, will be handed out over the next few weeks with the occasional takeout order as a way to say thank you for supporting local restaurants.

"We are excited to showcase our communities through this new initiative," says George Bridge Chair of Wellington County's Economic Development Committee. "Not only does it invite people to get out and explore our great parks and outdoor spaces, but it also encourages supporting local food businesses and restaurants which have been especially affected by public health measures."

In order to keep parks and green spaces clean, the initiative encourages picnic enthusiasts to pack 'boomerang' picnics and take any leftover food and waste home to re-use, recycle and dispose of responsibly.

Picnic goers can share photos of their picnic or takeout food on social media with the hashtag #Wellington-CountyPicnics for a chance to win one of seven picnic hampers worth \$250 each.

More information on the photo contest and the picnic initiative can be found at www.wellington.ca/picnic

Even in death, there are security risks

By Debbie Stanley

I spend my mornings in a set routine... I wake up, feed and walk my dogs, have a morning coffee, err workout (sometimes), head to the office, have more coffee as I read obituaries.

May seem strange that I read obituaries, but in my line of work we need to scan online records daily in case a client has passed away.

But I have noticed of late that whenever I read an obituary, I end up with an uneasy feeling.

My husband is in the software engineering field and has a particular interest in online security.

His pet peeve is how much information we reveal about ourselves on Facebook, for example. You know those quizzes where you reveal where was your first trip, favourite food, or favourite teacher.

All are common security questions on your online accounts. In reading a recent obituary it dawned on me exactly what was bothering me.

The issue is that in today's digital world, a lot of the information published in a person's obituary is actually private security information.

We have gotten so used to posting everything online that we don't even realize the sensitive information being published for everyone to see.

As Sharon Hartung says "In the digital age, the modern-day obituary needs a

rethink for privacy, identify theft risk and cyber intrusion."

Here's a fictitious obituary to show you what I mean.

Dodger Cruise – January 15, 1947 – August 2, 2021

The family of Dodger Cruise is deeply saddened to announce the passing of their dear father, pappy and macho man. Predeceased by his parents Van and Cara (nee Wrangler), survived by his wife Mazdina Cruise (nee Ford), his children Robert (Barbara) and Sandra (Stacey).

Dodger's grandchildren Penny, Oscar, and Trudy will miss their pappy as will his nieces, Wilma, Betty and Dina.

Dodger was a lifelong learner and graduated top of his class in 1965 from Santa Fe High. He always credited his love for teaching to his favourite teacher and mentor, Fern Cloudy.

Dodger and Mazdina were big animal lovers, and Dodger spent his days of retirement caring for their dog Spot, who reminded him greatly of his first dog, Fido.

A private funeral will take place on August 11, 2021 and the family requested donations to his favourite charity, The Dog Days Society.

Writing an obituary is not an easy task for the family. They are fresh in their grief and so follow the industry template or standard of what an obituary should look like.

As we educate ourselves on the risks of posting sensitive information, let's try and find unique ways to honour the person in writing, without giving all the security words away.

I hope when my obituary is written it will tell my story in such a way that it will have the reader grabbing some popcorn, instead of hacking into accounts.

Debbie Stanley is Founder of ETP Canada, a boutique firm that assists executors with the administration of estates. She is based in Guelph and can be reached at www.etpcanada.ca

Building awareness of human trafficking

By Anne Day

When we hear the words “human trafficking,” we tend to think that this is something that happens only in big cities.

Sadly this is not true. In fact, with our proximity to the 400 highways it usually means that most of all human trafficking in Canada happens using that route and our area is considered a hot spot.

Spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Guelph South, with members from the neighbouring Rotary Clubs - Guelph Trillium, Guelph, Fergus/Elora and Centre-Wellington, this cluster group has come together to tackle this issue.

They have started an awareness campaign which is being sponsored by Hammond Power Solutions.

“Our slogan is “Educate to Eradicate.” explains Lise Burcher, chair of the committee. “We have been researching the issue and discovered other Rotary Clubs that are on a similar mission.”

On the 4th Tuesday of every month, which started in July, there will be speakers talking about different aspects of human trafficking – from the organizations that work to create increased awareness, to a survivor who will share her story.

On July 27 the series started with Bob Burnside from the Rotary Club of Orangeville and representatives from Compass Community Church who together founded Cry Not.

This voluntary organization is based in Orangeville and its mandate is to create awareness of Human Trafficking in the greater Dufferin-Caledon communities.



On August 24, the focus was on Karly Church, who is currently a Crisis Intervention Counsellor at a regional support service for victims of human trafficking in Canada. She is also a survivor of human trafficking and shared her story.

To ensure that the community is aware of the resources available to victims, a panel of experts from the Guelph/Wellington area will be presenting on September 28.


And on October 26 Major Rachel Lamont will be talking about her findings from working globally and in Canada on the prevention of human trafficking.

This first series will end on November 30 with a presentation from the Rotary Action Group against Slavery, (RAGAS) with representatives from Rotary Clubs in Texas and Thailand.

One of the goals of this project is to learn what other Rotary Clubs are doing around the world to tackle this issue and draw on their best practices as we develop strategies in Canada.


These sessions are online and free. A second series is planned for 2022.

To learn more, contact Lise Burcher at lburcher@uoguelph.ca or register online for the September talk at bit.ly/36UySv3



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Ask the expert

By Margaret Stewart

Question: How can I plan for more mid-summer interest in my perennial gardens next year?

Response: September and October are the perfect months for reassessing our perennial gardens. This is one of the enjoyable moments of perennial gardening—thinking about what worked, and what didn't, what plants you've tired of, what's heading for the compost pile and what new discoveries might take their place.

Planting for continuous colour in perennial gardens is a constant but fun challenge for gardeners. Now is the time to address the lull that often occurs between the showy May and June perennials like peonies and irises and the vigorous late summer bloomers, many of them native plants such as phloxes, asters and much-loved coneflowers.

In fact, there are lots of wonderful plants that provide colour and energy from mid-July to mid-August. Foremost for me are daylilies.

But please, shun the well-known orange 'ditch' lily, one of the original species, and seek out new and exciting cultivars.

Research Canadian daylily breeders—you can find lots of information on the Ontario Daylily Society's website and/



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or the American Hemerocallis Society's site.

Better still, join the Ontario Daylily Society and gain access to club plant sales, trades, seeds, and knowledgeable hybridizers and daylily lovers.

Go for daylilies that have varying bloom periods, heights, bloom sizes, bud count and multiple branching of the flower scapes (stems). That way, though each flower lasts only a day, an established plant with lots of buds can bloom for weeks.

Daylilies come in almost every colour except true blue and clear white, need very little care once established, like some moisture--mulching them is a good idea--but are not that fussy in general, and are hard to kill!

Blooms are various shapes and sizes: the round ones, fondly known as 'bagels' by daylily aficionados, are favourites and can have ruffled and

contrasting coloured edges.

The double-flowered, spider and unusual forms—with longer and sometimes twisted or drooping petals--add tons of variety to your gardens. There are thousands to choose from. Daylilies are at their best from about mid-July to mid-August.

There are many great companion plants for daylilies--some of these are tall plants, but that's okay. In fact, it's great.

Big plants add panache to a perennial garden and draw your visitors' attention from any neglected areas. They'll never notice.

Try summer flowering bulbs (corms) of *Crocosmia 'Lucifer'*. Lucifer will add fire to your design. *Liatris spicata* very astutely seeds around a bit and is a butterfly and bee magnet, a good companion for purple and pink daylilies.

White *Sanguisorba canadensis* (burnet) cools some hot colours and blends well with yellows, and *Veronicastrum virginicum*, with its attractive leaf pattern and white spires towers over other plants.

Metallic blue *Echinops* (Globe thistle) en masse provides a great back drop. *Coreopsis* works well, as does *Stachys 'Hummelo'* and *Pycnanthemum* (Mountain mint). Native grasses are also good choices.

Above all, have fun experimenting with mid-season perennials that can sustain and enliven your planting scheme.



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High speed internet grant

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We would specifically like to acknowledge and express our gratitude to the Current Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma as well as the work Laurie Scott who advocated for rural high speed improvements in our community.

We also want to thank our MPP Ted Arnot for his advocacy and support for this critical undertaking in Puslinch. Their collective input and support has been critical to this success.

The announced \$616,345 will directly benefit approximately 370 homes in Puslinch with improved broadband access. We look forward to working with the successful ISP in getting this work underway and completed as soon as possible.



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Remarkable Puslinch People

By Marjorie Clark

Henry Arkell of Farnham Farm Importer & Breeder of Sheep

Henry Arkell was born on August 2, 1853, the 11th child of Thomas Arkell and Isabella Hume, who emigrated from Idstone, Berkshire, England about 1829. His father settled on Lots 7, 8, 9 and 10, 300 acres on concession 9, Puslinch, which he called "Farnham Farm". Thomas Arkell was a successful breeder of Shorthorn Cattle and Cotswold Sheep.

After his father's death, Henry continued to breed his father's Cotswold Sheep on "Farnham Farm" and after some time, both Cotswolds and Oxford Downs. In 1881, in partnership with his elder brother, Peter Arkell (c.1839-1907), who farmed in Culross Township, Bruce County, he imported purebred stock from England.

Before long, Henry Arkell of Puslinch became known all over Canada and the United States, as one of the best breeders of sheep on the continent. On the 16th July 1881, Peter Arkell of Teeswater arrived in Guelph from England, with the first shipment.

It was a cargo of 53 sheep, consisting of purebred Cotswold and Oxford Downs, all from noted English flocks. He brought 26 for himself, 21 for his brother, Henry Arkell and six for F. W. Stone.

In early August 1882, Henry and John Iles returned, after having spent two months in England. Henry brought with him 96 Oxford Down and Cotswold Sheep, two Berkshire Pigs, a white donkey, two parrots and a magpie. Thirty-four of the Oxford Downs and one of the Berkshire Pigs were for Peter Arkell, the remainder of the sheep being for himself and the other pig for John Hewer.

Five of the sheep were known as the "Royal", having been awarded the Royal Prize at Reading, England and first prize at all the other shows, where they were exhibited in England.

All the stock arrived in good condition with the exception of two ewes.

Eventually, he sold the Cotswolds and concentrated on the breeding of Oxford Down Sheep, developing the best herd in North America. In 1896, he owned 400 head. Subsequently, either Henry or his delegate made the voyage to England every year for this same purpose.

Henry Arkell's flock won many prizes in show rings. For years, his sheep swept everything before them at larger shows in Southern Ontario. He took prizes at the Montreal and Ottawa Exhibitions, in London and Toronto.



*Photo courtesy of the Arkell
Tweedsmuir Book*

At Detroit in 1892, he won the sweepstake prize of \$100 for the ten best sheep, against fifteen competing pens, besides the prize for the best ewe. In 1893, he won nine prizes out of ten entries at the Chicago Exposition World's Fair, amounting to \$500. At the World's Fair at St. Louis in 1904, he won in every class, 34 prizes including three sweepstakes, with 28 sheep.

Sept. 25, 1905 - "At Syracuse, Henry Arkell won with 12 sheep, eleven (?) firsts, two seconds and three thirds, against the millionaires, Howley and Sweet of New York, who had all imported stock, while the Arkell stock was principally of their own breeding, with a few importations."

He also sold sheep throughout the continent. The American ranchers were his best customers. His first sale of Oxford Downs went to Colorado and the following year, he sent a carload to Wyoming. To a buyer from Wisconsin, he sold from \$500 to \$1,000 worth a year, for over 25 consecutive years. Uriah Privett of Greensburg, Indiana, a well known dealer in sheep, bought stock from Henry Arkell for 17 years.

In autumn 1896, Henry Arkell took a trip among his customers in the Western States and saw for himself the results of the Oxford Down cross on the range sheep. The progeny were hardy, attained a good size, matured quickly and produced a good quality of wool. By November 1897, his business had grown extensively.

As he was his own shepherd, personally looking after his flock, he had found it necessary to resign from all public positions and give his whole attention to his work. He did retain, however, his connection with the Dominion Sheepbreeders Association. So trusted was Henry Arkell by G. J. Campbell, whom he had supplied for ten years, that for the five years, 1892 to 1897, Mr. Campbell had purchased sheep from him without seeing them.

Henry Arkell also sold a good amount of wool. James Hewer purchased over 800 lbs. of unwashed Oxford Down wool on the Guelph Market from Henry Arkell on May 16, 1893, the first wool bought that year. The price was 13 cents a pound. He was also lauded for his crops.

On Sept. 7, 1882, Henry brought the first load of spring wheat of the season into the Guelph Market. It was purchased for Miller Spence, at \$1.04 per bushel. A newspaper report of July 6, 1894 stated that, "Henry Arkell of Arkell has a fine big field of rye, which stands over seven feet in height". Henry also bred Shorthorn Cattle and maintained a small herd of Jersey Cattle.

Henry Arkell was President of the Puslinch Agricultural Society for two years and a Director of the Society for seventeen years. He was a Director of the Central Exhibition in Guelph for five years and also a Director of the Fat Stock Show in Guelph for five years. He judged stock for the Ontario Government for eight years. He was a Director of the Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association and a Director of the American Oxford Down Association for ten years.

Henry had a great appreciation of the work done by the Farmers' Institutes. He was, himself, well pleased with his accomplishments and enjoyed his contacts and his travels.

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Farmers can apply now for cover crop incentives

Cover crops grown over winter are just the right thing to do, according to some local producers who participated in the Grand River Conservation Authority's (GRCA) Rural Water Quality Program (RWQP).

The program offers a per acre incentive to farmers in the Region of Waterloo, Haldimand, Dufferin, Brant, Wellington Counties, and in Perth County within the Nith River watershed.

The benefits of cover crops are numerous, including the reduction of erosion, retention of nutrients, and improvements to overall soil health.

"Cover crops work well for our operation," according to Dean Sayles, a Brant County dairy producer. "We started gradually with a few fields and now use them across our farm". He explains, "we were interested in improving our soils and getting the most out of our manure applications. We apply manure to our fields after wheat harvest, cover crops do a good job of tying up those nutrients so they are available for crops next spring."

Over the last five years, more than 400 producers in the Grand River watershed received the one-time cover crop incentive through municipal programs delivered by the GRCA.

With the goal of keeping soil and nutrients in the field, priority is given to erosion-prone fields adjacent to watercourses or wetlands, and areas that are susceptible to wind erosion. Fields that are tile drained or in wellhead protection areas are also considered.

Applications for the cover crop program can be submitted now for payment in spring 2022. The incentive rate varies by municipality and funding decisions are made by a farmer review committee.

The GRCA currently delivers the Rural Water Quality Program initiative on behalf of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, Counties of Wellington, Brant, Dufferin, and Haldimand.

Support for projects in the upper Nith River watershed is provided by the Government of Canada through the Department of Environment and Climate Change Great Lakes Protection Initiative.

Cover crop incentives are just one of the eligible projects supported by the RWQP to improve soil health and water quality.

More information is available by contacting the GRCA at ruralwater@grandriver.ca or calling 519-621-2761 and asking to speak to a conservation specialist.

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Where do you go for information about your food?

By Kelly Daynard

If you're a consumer with questions about how food is grown, Farm & Food Care Ontario (FFCO) can help. As a Canadian charity, FFCO's goal is to provide expertise on Ontario agriculture and answer consumer's questions about their food.

For almost a decade, FFCO, based out of Guelph, has been taking the pulse of Canadians on a regular basis, through nation-wide focus group testing.

In the last study, commissioned in 2020, 93 percent of Canadians surveyed indicated they knew little or nothing about farming, yet almost two-thirds said that they'd like to know more. This represents a great opportunity for farmers to share their stories with the people eating their food.

Of course these numbers also represent a challenge. Many people don't know where to go for accurate information on food and farming.

Decades ago, there wasn't a need for groups like FFCO. In 1931, one in three Canadians lived on a farm. Today, it's only one in 46 and the number continues to drop.

What these numbers mean is that farmers have to do their part to communicate about their livelihoods, speaking up, correct misinformation and invest in the collective efforts of the industry.



In the last few years we're seeing an increasing number of farmers turning to social media – like Twitter or Facebook – as a way to connect with consumers, promote their products or share their thoughts with Canadians who aren't directly involved with food production – it's an exciting concept.

If you're interested in learning more about food and farming, there are many, many great resources that you can turn to for accurate information about farmers and their farming practices.

Farm & Food Care's popular booklet, *The Real Dirt on Farming*, has now made it into more than four million households and generated thousands of additional questions from consumers about topics that they wonder about like animal care, GMOs, crop protection products, added hormones in food and more. You can read this booklet at www.RealDirtOnFarming.ca

The website www.FarmFood360.ca features online tours of almost 30 Canadian farms and food processing facilities. The newest tours are done in 360 degree technology to enable viewers to immerse themselves right into the farms and facilities.

Still have a question? Visit www.FarmFoodCareON.org and you can ask direct questions about your food.

Kelly Daynard is the Executive Director, Farm & Food Care Ontario

New vendor at market



Ever heard of black garlic? Well you can purchase it from one of their new vendors - salt+ MUSTARD.

Originally from Poland, Olga Balicki, is the owner and chef at salt+Mustard, a business she started in 2017.

salt+MUSTARD is a local specialty foods company with a focus on infused finishing salts and artisanal mustards. "We pride ourselves on making everything in house and without any additives or preservatives.." shares Olga.

Now back to our opening question, what is black garlic? Black garlic is a garlic that is fermented in a controlled heat and humidity environment.

As it ferments over several weeks it starts to caramelize, it becomes sweeter, starts to develop notes of balsamic vinegar, coffee, chocolate and most importantly UMAMI flavour.

It is just one of the products Olga sells and she offers a wide range of mustards, spice mixes, salts and vanilla. She will next be at the market on September 4, 11, and October 16. Next time you go, check out her booth.

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Cook's Corner

By Barbara Paterson

I like to make this dessert when fresh peaches are available. Served with whipped cream, it is delicious.

Peach Upside-down Cake



- 2 tbsp. butter
- 3 tbsp. white sugar
- 4-5 ripe peaches
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1½ tsp. baking powder
- ¼ tsp. cinnamon
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 1/3 cup butter
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/8 tsp. almond flavouring
- 1/8 tsp. vanilla
- ¼ cup milk

1. Place 2 tbsp. butter in a deep round 9" cake pan. Put in a warm oven until melted. Brush the sides of the pan with this butter.
2. Stir 3 tbsp. white sugar into remaining butter in pan until dissolved.

3. Slice peaches thinly and arrange in a circular pattern in butter/sugar mixture. (I don't bother to peel them).
4. In a measuring cup, combine the flour, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Set aside.
5. In a large mixing bowl, beat 1/3 cup butter until creamy. Gradually beat in the half cup sugar until light and fluffy.
6. Beat in the egg and the flavourings.
7. Gradually beat in 1/3 of the flour mixture, then half the milk. Repeat the additions, ending with the remaining flour mixture. Spoon over the peaches and smooth the top.
8. Bake in the centre of a 350°F oven for 35 to 40 minutes or until cake springs back when lightly touched.
9. Remove from oven and let rest for just 5 minutes. Invert onto a large cake plate. This cake is excellent served warm.

Despite the rather unfortunate name, this old-fashioned dessert is really good. It tastes like sweet dumplings in a spicy blueberry sauce. It's good served with vanilla frozen yoghurt.

Blueberry Grunt

- 4 cups fresh or frozen blueberries
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- ½ tsp. cinnamon



- Pinch of allspice
- ½ cup orange or grape juice

Topping:

- ¾ cup all purpose flour
- ¼ cup white sugar
- 1½ tsp. baking powder
- Pinch salt
- 1 tbsp. cold margarine or butter, cut into bits
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup milk
- ½ tsp. vanilla

1. Place blueberries, 1/3 cup sugar, cinnamon, allspice and juice in deep 10" skillet and cook for about 5 minutes or until blueberries are soft and juicy. Remove from heat.
2. In a bowl, combine flour with 1/4 cup sugar, baking powder and salt. Add margarine or butter and rub into flour with your fingers.
3. Combine egg with milk and vanilla. Stir into flour mixture.
4. Drop batter by spoonful on top of blueberries but not too close to edge of pan. Cover and cook over medium-low heat for about 15 minutes, or until biscuits are cooked



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